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LETTERS OF THE TENNESSEE GOVERNORS JOSEPH MCMINN 1815 - 1821 (Part 1)

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NAME	YEAR	PLACE	INCOMING OUTGOING	SUBJECT
Citizens of Tennessee	NG	NG	Out	Proclamation for the arrest and extradition to Kentucky of Joseph Conway
*Overton, John	1815	Nashville, TN	Out	Plans a visit with Overton
*Overton, John	1815	Nashville, TN	Out	Offers sale of a gig and horse
Titus and Charlotte Gray	1816	NG	Out	Copy of a bond of Christopher Taylor, Chloe Renfroe, Henry Conway, and James Wilson as administrators of the estate of William Renfroe
*Jackson, Andrew (Major General)	1816	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses possible actions relating to failed treaty negotiations with the Cherokee Indians
*NA	1816	Knoxville, TN	Out	Commissions William Moore as First Major of the 49th Tennessee Militia
*Fisk, Moses	1817	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests Fisk run the boundary line of TN and KY

Jackson, Samuel; et al	1817	Knoxville, TN	Out	Declines an offer for the state to purchase stock in a bank
Curren, Robert P. and Campbell, Andrew	1817	Knoxville, TN	Out	Assures that the matter of state payment for bank stock will be laid before the state legislature
Garner, Brice M.	1817	Knoxville, TN	Out	Assures that the matter of state payment for bank stock will be laid before the state legislature
*Fisk, Moses	1817	Knoxville, TN	Out	Gives notice of the progress in the state legislature of a bill concerning state banks
Humphreys, P. W.	1818	Knoxville, TN	Out	Cover letter for a commission as circuit judge
Harris, Alfred M.	1818	Knoxville, TN	Out	Tenders appointment of special judge
Williams, N. (Judge)	1818	Knoxville, TN	Out	Accepts Williams' resignation as circuit judge and mentions intentions of appointing Isaacks in his place
*Graham, Daniel (Secretary of State)	1818	NG	Out	Describes success at persuading the Cherokee Indians to meet for treaty negotiations
*Graham, Daniel (Secretary of State)	1818	Cherokee Agency	Out	Relates inhospitable conditions at the Cherokee Agency
*Graham, Daniel (Secretary of State)	1818	Cherokee Agency	Out	Gives report of moderate progress on enrolling Cherokee Indians for removal

*Overton, John (Judge)	1818	Knoxville, TN	Out	Tenders an appointment as commissioner to run the boundary line between TN and GA
*Graham, Daniel	1818	Washington, TN	Out	Outlines travel plans
*Graham, Daniel (Secretary of State)	1818	Knoxville, TN	Out	Describes the poor reception of a circular by McMinn that was published in the local paper
*Graham, Daniel (Secretary of State)	1818	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses various matters of state business, and mentions another circular that McMinn wants published in newspapers
*Graham, Daniel (Secretary of State)	1818	Cherokee Agency	Out	Discusses progress of enrolling Cherokee Indians for removal including a prominent member of Cherokee society and hopes for continued success
*Graham, Daniel (Secretary of State)	1818	Cherokee Agency	Out<	Further discusses progress of enrolling Cherokee Indians for removal
*Graham, Daniel (Secretary of State)	1818	Cherokee Agency	Out	Further discusses progress of enrolling Cherokee Indians for removal and mentions recent poor health of Governor and Mrs. McMinn
*Graham, Daniel (Secretary of State)	1819	Washington City, [TN]	Out	Discusses opposition to the proposed location for the boundary line between KY and TN

*Emmerson, Thomas	1819	Murfreesboro, TN	Out	Tenders an appointment as successor to Archibald Roane in an unstated position
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*Ramsey, Francis A. (Colonel)	1819	Murfreesboro, TN	Out	Tenders an appointment as a commissioner to examine the surveyors and registers offices
*Overton, John and Weakley, Robert	1819	Murfreesboro, TN	Out	States that McMinn cannot provide state funds for the purchase of a salt spring from the Chickasaw Indians
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Brown, John (Major)	1819	Murfreesboro, TN	Out	Tenders an appointment as a commissioner to examine the surveyors and registers offices and gives instructions
*NA	1819	Murfreesboro, TN	NA	Commission of Francis A. Ramsey to examine the offices of surveyors and registers
*Graham, Daniel	1819	Sparta, TN	Out	Discusses granting clemency to S. Thurman convicted of stealing a negro [slave] and sentenced to be hanged

*Graham, Daniel	1819	Sparta, TN	Out	Mentions meeting R. Whyte who assured McMinn of little opposition to his reelection
*Graham, Daniel	1819	Cherokee Agency, TN	Out	Notifies of intention to contact the U. S. president when he passes near to the Cherokee Agency
*Graham, Daniel	1819	Cherokee Agency, TN	Out	Discusses the possibility that white residents on Indian Lands will be expelled
*Graham, Daniel	1819	Knoxville, TN	Out	Mentions receiving a positive reply to a message to the U.S. President and positive public sentiment regarding the Cherokee Removal
*NG [Ramsey, Francis A.]	1819	Knoxville, TN	Out	Direction for duties as commissioner to examine the offices of surveyors and registers
*Graham, Daniel	1819	Rogersville, TN	Out	Discusses a meeting with the president and the unpopularity of a candidate for an unspecified election
*Graham, Daniel	1819	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses the gubernatorial candidacy of General Parsons whom McMinn expects to defeat easily

*Graham, Daniel	1819	Knoxville, TN	Out	Cover letter forwarding a notice of a prison escape and requesting Graham to issue a proclamation offering a reward
*NG	1819	NG	In	Notice that William Magill has escaped from the Maury County jail and requests a reward be offered for his apprehension
*Graham, Daniel	1819	South West Point, TN	Out	Gives description of travel conditions
*Graham, Daniel	1819	Knoxville, TN	Out	Gives description of travel conditions and arrangements
*Graham, Daniel	1819	Doctor Dulaney's [?]	Out	Gives description of travel conditions
*Secretary of State [Graham, Daniel]	1819	Englises Ferry [?]	Out	Discusses opposition from Felix Grundy concerning the papers on the Kentucky boundary line
*Graham, Daniel	1820	Millers Town [?]	Out	Gives description of travel conditions
*Graham, Daniel	1820	Washington, D. C.	Out	Mentions attending Episcopalian and Catholic church services and comments on McMinn's recognition by John Quincy Adams
*Graham, Daniel	1820	Washington, D. C.	Out	Comments on the clamor in U. S. Congress over the admission of Missouri into the union

*Graham, Daniel	1820	Washington, D. C.	Out	Authorizes Graham to appoint John P. Erwin as a protem to succeed Washington Perkins as Notary Public for Davidson County and discusses the impact of Missouri's admission to the union on the presidential election
*Secretary of State [Graham, Daniel]	1820	Washington, D. C.	Out	Relates the progress with settling McMinn's financial accounts and discusses the further deterioration of affairs between slave-holding and nonslave-holding states over the admission of Missouri to the union
*Secretary of State [Graham, Daniel]	1820	Washington, D. C.	Out	Brief note discussing John P. Erwin's appointment as protem Notary Public for Davidson County
*Secretary of State [Graham, Daniel]	1820	War Office [Washington, D. C.]	Out	Brief note relating progress of settling McMinn's financial accounts from the Cherokee Removal
*Graham, Daniel	1820	Washington, D. C.	Out	Relates progress of settling McMinn's financial accounts and the Missouri issue
*Graham, Daniel	1820	Mr. Hesser's [?]	Out	Gives the details of the proposed Missouri Compromise
*Graham, Daniel	1820	Lynchburg [VA]	Out	Relates the reasons for travel delays

*Graham, Daniel	1820	Mr. Canton's [?]	Out	Discusses difficulties surrounding an unspecified election involving Colonel Bradford and gives more travel details
*Graham, Daniel	1820	Knoxville, TN	Out	Relates the reasons for travel delays
Starr, N.	1820	Murfreesboro, TN	Out	Orders swords made for Andrew Jackson and Edmund P. Gaines for meritorious service during the War of 1812
Terry, William	1820	Murfreesboro, TN	Out	Rebukes Terry for asking more for his services as a surveyor for Alabama than the state can afford to pay
*Hopkins, Thomas	1821	Murfreesborough, TN	Out	Land grant for land in Warren County, TN
*Foster, Anthony; Maury, Abraham; and Martin, William	1821	Murfreesboro, TN	Out	Cancels a meeting with Foster, Maury, and Martin but asks them to consider the best interest of the state in their deliberations on land claims
*Rucker, William R.	1821	Mufreesborough, TN	Out	Commissions Rucker as a Surgeon in the Cavalry of the Ninth Regiment of Tennessee Militia

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*Hynes, Andrew (Adjutant General)	1815	Nashville, TN	In	Claim for compensation for services rendered to the state by Hynes and Joseph Porter
Storm, Christian	1815	Carter County, TN	In	Discusses dispute over a land grant claim
Kelley, William	1815	Bedford County, TN	In	Contains document signed by James McKisick, Bedford County Court Clerk, granting power of attorney for Thomas Conway to Joseph Conway in order that Joseph Conway might retrieve a stolen slave
Mitchell, M. D.	1815	Bedford County, TN	In	Affidavits that a slave named Warner belonged to Thomas Conway, and Joseph Conway had found and retrieved him
Gillespie, George	1815	Rhea County, TN	In	Gives the details of the murder of an Indian
Fine, Jonathan	1815	Rhea County, TN	In	Contains the affidavit of Abraham Smith as eyewitness that John Ginnoe murdered John Wilkison
Shelby, Isaac [Governor of KY]	1816	Franklin, KY	In	Cover letter for a resolution of the Kentucky Legislature concerning the boundary line between TN and KY
Tipton, Jac	1816	Jonesborough, TN	In	Claim for reimbursement of personal funds spent on public materials
*Jackson, Andrew	1816	[Murfreesboro, TN]	In	Note that Jackson stopped by to see McMinn but McMinn wasn't home
Strong, Caleb	1816	Boston, MA	In	Cover letter for resolutions of the Massachusetts State Legislature relating to proposed Amendments to the U.S. Constitution

NA	1816	[Boston, MA]	In	Copy of resolutions by the Massachusetts State Legislature concerning proposed Amendments to the U.S. Constitution that would affect the election of President, Vice President, and members of Congress
Mims, Sinah [?]	1816	Richmond, VA	In	Copy of resolutions by the Virginia State Legislature concerning proposed Amendments to the U.S. Constitution that would affect the election of President, Vice President, and members of Congress
Ridley, Thomas	1816	Williamson County, TN	In	Describes Aaron Gladden, a man convicted of horse stealing, who escaped from the Williamson County jail, and requests a reward be offered for his capture
Gordon, James	1816	Humphreys County, TN	In	Election returns for the 6 th Brigade of Tennessee Militia
Gordon, James	1816	Reynoldsburch, TN	In	Gives details of the militia election and expresses support for McMinn
Shelby, Isaac (Governor of Kentucky)	1816	Franklin, KY	In	Forwards a request for the arrest and extradition of Joseph Conway for stealing a negro slave named Warner
Morgan, Joseph and Daviess, Samuel	1816	Mercer County, KY	In	Warrant for the arrest and extradition of Joseph Conway for stealing a negro slave named Warner
Miller, Will	1816	Raleigh, NC	In	Cover letter for a copy of the resolutions of the North Carolina State Legislature

Morgan, Joseph and Daviess, Samuel	1816	Mercer County, KY	In	Affidavits against Joseph Conway for the theft of a negro slave named Warner
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Whiteside, J., et al	1816	Columbia, TN	In	Petition from members of the West Tennessee Bar suggesting John Haywood to succeed John Overton as Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals
Trimble, James	1816	Nashville, TN	In	Informs that Robert Boyce has arrived in Nashville with arrest and extradition warrants for Joseph Conway
Washington, Thomas	1816	Franklin, TN	In	Notes the escape of Jesse Clarke from the Williamson County jail
Kelly, William	1816	Nashville, TN	In	Resignation as circuit court judge
Smith, John Cotton	1816	Hartford, CT	In	Cover letter for a copy of the resolutions of the Connecticut State Legislature
Johnson, Thomas	1816	Reynoldsburgh, TN	In	Discusses events at a meeting with Indian chiefs regarding land boundary lines
Grundy, Felix and Balch, Alfred	1816	Nashville, TN	In	Requests that clemency be granted for John Bowden, convicted of receiving stolen goods
Washington, Thomas	1816	Nashville, TN	In	Relates the details of the conviction and escape of William Lashley
Casey, Thomas	1816	Bedford County, TN	In	States legal precedent for Joseph Conway's actions in retrieving a slave named Warner from Robert Boyce

Grundy, Felix	1816	Nashville, TN	In	Requests the pardon of William Lashley
McGavock, Jacob	1816	Davidson County, TN	In	Copy of the judgment against William Lashley
Washington, Thomas	1816	Nashville, TN	In	Counter petition against pardoning John Bowden
Campbell, D.	1816	Columbia, TN	In	Cover letter for descriptions of persons convicted of crimes who escaped from custody
NG	NG	NG	In	Descriptions of William Magill and Martin Gurley
Hynes, Andrew	1816	Baltimore [?]	In	Resignation as Adjutant General
Morgan, Rufus	1816	Knoxville, TN	In	Statement that papers have been turned over for an unspecified court martial
Balch, Alfred	1816	Nashville, TN	In	Cites the case of John Bowden and voices favor for the establishment of a state penitentiary
King, John A.	1816	Pulaski, TN	In	Request that McMinn issue an order for the arrest and extradition of Jesse Vincent for stealing two slaves
Skidmore, John	1816	Fort Deposit [sic]	In	Reward claim for the capture of Martin Gurley
Owens, Steward	1816	Sevierville, TN	In	Gives a description of Ellis Thomas wanted for the murder of John Compton
Owens, Steward	1816	Sevierville, TN	In	Affidavit against Ellis Thomas for the murder of John Compton

Cheatham, Anderson	1816	Springfield, TN	In	States that Mrial Medlock, convicted of burglary has escaped from the Robertson County jail and requests that a proclamation be issued for his capture
Skidmore, Abraham	1816	Knoxville, TN	In	Receipt for \$50 reward given for the capture of Martin Gurley
McGavock, Jac	1816	Davidson County, TN	In	A copy of the judgement against John Bowden

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Allison, Uriah	1817	Kingston, TN	In	Description of John Fields who escaped after imprisonment for the murder of a slave girl
Jackson, Samuel, et al	1817	Jonesboro, TN	In	Letter from the directors of the Holston Tennessee Bank asking if the state intends to purchase its reserved stocks
NA	1817	Raleigh, NC	In	Copy of the indictment of Samuel Bailey, John Davis, John R. Cooke, and William Heflen for the murder of a slave named Stephen
Alexander, William (Secretary of State)	1817	Knoxville, TN	In	Copy of a petition for pardon of James H. Hindman
Campbell, A.	1817	Franklin, TN	In	Asks if the state intends to purchase its reserved stocks in a state bank opening in Franklin

Garner, Brice M.	1817	Knoxville, TN	In	Asks if the state intends to purchase its reserved stocks in a state bank opening in Fayetteville
Carroll, William	1817	NG	In	Cover letter for resolutions of two Tennessee militia brigades concerning proposed alteration of the militia law
Cocke, John	1817	Knoxville, TN	In	Relates details of land tax frauds
Purdy, Rob	1817	Rutherford County, TN	In	Cover letter addressed to William Carroll proposing alteration of the militia laws
Purdy, Rob	1817	NG	In	Resolutions adopted by the Field and Staff of the 9 th Tennessee Militia Brigade proposing alterations of the militia laws
Williams, Samuel A.	1817	Shelbyville, TN	In	Cover letter addressed to William Carroll proposing alteration of the militia laws
Williams, Samuel A.	1817	NG	In	Resolutions of the 5 th Tennessee Militia Brigade proposing alterations of the militia laws